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### **Hawk Signals Are For Pedestrian Safety**

We first let you know in July of 2013 about the first HAWK pedestrian signal that was installed on SW Farmington Rd near SW Menlo Dr. We are proud to tell you that a second HAWK pedestrian signal has been installed on **SW Hall Blvd near SW Greenway.**

There are no cross streets at the location so the signal does not operate to direct traffic for cross street purposes.

#### **How It Works**

The HAWK signal remains DARK for traffic until a pedestrian activates the push-button. While the HAWK is DARK, traffic can continue past the beacon without stopping.

When a pedestrian presses the button, approaching drivers see a FLASHING YELLOW light for a few seconds, indicating that the beacon has been activated.

The flashing yellow is followed by a SOLID YELLOW light, indicating that motorists should reduce speed and be prepared to stop.

The solid yellow is followed by double SOLID RED lights, requiring drivers to stop.

The double solid red lights are followed by alternating FLASHING RED lights. During this indication, *drivers are required to come to a full STOP*, but may proceed when pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk and it is safe to proceed.

For the purposes of pedestrian crossings, the signal is activated when the pedestrian approaches the crosswalk and activates the button to cross the roadway. The traffic signal cycles through yellow to red in both flashing and solid modes for both. After the lights have turned to a solid red the pedestrian will receive a walk signal. The signal was installed after numerous citizen complaints of the need for a crosswalk in this area. Since the signal has been installed there have been complaints that motorists are not stopping for the signal. It is assumed that they are not aware of the new signal installation (despite the signs). Therefore the police department is going to increase awareness of the signal at this location by conducting random enforcements. Officers will stop vehicles that did not stop for the light and advise them of the violation. Two potential citations that could be issued are 811.265 (Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device) or 811.028 (Failure to Stop and Remain Stopped for a Pedestrian). Generally, the pedestrian violation will be the priority. The fine for each is \$260.

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